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PRESIDENT CARTER'S SON CHIP AND TEN MEMBERS OF A U.S. CON-
GRESSIONAL DELEGATION MET WITH VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN
IN PEKING TUESDAY. THE PRESIDENT'S SON TOLD MISTER LI HIS
FATHER EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT U.S.-CHINESE RELATIONS WILL
CONTINUE TO IMPROVE. MISTER LI IN TURN WISHED CHIP CARTER
A HAPPY BIRTHDAY--IT WAS HIS TWENTY-SEVENTH. CONGRESSMAN
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JOHN BRADEMAs, THE DELEGATION'S LEADER, SAID THE OFFICIAL
TALKS WITH MISTER LI AND EARLIER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG
HUA, WERE FRANK, DIRECT AND SPIRITED. BUT HE SAID THERE WAS
DISAGREEMENT ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES, INCLUDING THAT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN. CONGRESSMAN BRADEMAs SAID HE
DOES NOT THINK U.S. PUBLIC OPINION WOULD TOLERATE AMERICAN
ABANDONMENT OF TAIWAN. THE DELEGATION IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT

AN ARMY INSTALLATION NEAR TIENTSIN TODAY (WEDNESDAY),
HANGCHOW ON THURSDAY AND THEN RETURN TO WASHINGTON NEXT
WEEKEND.

PEKING, APRIL 12 (AFP)- JAMES EARL "CHIP" CARTER, JR, THE
27-YEAR OLD SON OF AMERICAN PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER, TODAY
CONVEYED TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT A MESSAGE FROM HIS FATHER
EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS WOULD
"CONTINUE TO GET BETTER." THE MESSAGE WAS PRESENTED TO CHINESE
VICE-PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN DURING A TWO-HOUR MEETING THIS
AFTERNOON WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S SON AND TEN AMERICAN
CONGRESSMEN, THE DELEGATION LEADERS SAID. THE DELEGATION,
WHICH ARRIVED IN CHINA LAST SATURDAY, WAS HEADED BY DEMOCRATIC
REPRESENTATIVE JOHN BRADEMAM FROM INDIANA AND REPUBLICAN
SENATOR RICHARD SCHWEIKER FROM PENNSYLVANIA. THE TWO CON-
GRESSMEN TOLD THE FOREIGN PRESS HERE THAT "THE FACT THAT
CARTER'S SON IS A MEMBER OF OUR DELEGATION IS AN INDICATION
OF THE HIGH IMPORTANCE THE NEW PRESIDENT ATTACHES" TO SINO-
AMERICAN RELATIONS. CHIP CARTER WAS TAKING A "VERY RESPON-
SIBLE PART" IN THE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHINESE
AUTHORITIES, THEY ADDED. THE AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN WERE NOT
WILLING TO DIVULGE ANY DETAILS OF THEIR TALKS IN PEKING,
PARTICULARLY WITH VICE-PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN AND FOREIGN
MINISTER HUANG HUA, BECAUSE THEY FIRST HAD TO SUBMIT A REPORT
ON THE SUBJECT TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND
THE HEAD OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI.
WHEN ASKED ABOUT
THE TAIWAN QUESTION, THE TWO AMERICAN POLITICIANS LET IT
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NORMALIZATION OF SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS WAS NOT IMMINENT.
THEY SAID THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ALWAYS TOOK PUBLIC OPINION
INTO ACCOUNT BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISIONS, AND THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE "WOULD NOT AT THIS TIME OF THE GAME TOLERATE OUR
WALKING AWAY FROM TAIWAN." MR BRADEMAM AND MR SCHWEIKER
SAID THEIR TALKS WITH VICE-PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN, WHO CUS-
TOMARILY RECEIVES VISITING HEADS OF STATE IN PEKING, WERE
"VERY DIRECT, FRANK, WIDE-RANGING, VERY CONSTRUCTIVE AND
FRIENDLY."

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